

REMARKS

In response to the final rejection of January 16, 2004, Applicants submitted an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. As reported in the Advisory Action dated March 9, 2004, the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was not entered by the Examiner. By virtue of the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith, the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed February 11, 2004, is now entered into the application. In the present submission, Applicants have made amendments to claim 59. These amendments are consistent with claim language suggested by the Examiner in the Final Office Action.

Further by this amendment, Applicants have provided a listing of the status of all the claims, including canceled claims 1-58.

In view of the amendments to claim 59, the listing of the status of claims, and the remarks hereinabove, it is firmly believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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